

# A PROCLAMATION,

*Intercommuning the Rebels in the Bass.*



**WILLIAM and MARY** by the Grace of **GOD**, King and Queen of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defenders of the Faith;  
To

Macers of Our Privy Council, Pursevents, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting : Forasmuch, as by clear and expresse Acts of Parliament of this Our Kingdom, *It is Declared to be High Treason, To Stuff Houses, or hold them against Us, or to Assail any Castles or Forts under Our Command, and to Maintain and hold out the same by open Force and Violence, especially after they are Charged and Perquired by Our Heraulds, with Our Coat Displayed in Our Name and Authority, to Deliver up, and Surrender the same, under the Pains contained in the saids Acts.* Nevertheless *James Halyburton, Michael Middleton, Patrick Roy, and David Dumber,* sometimes Prisoners in Our Fort and Garrison of the *Bass*, and certain others, who have associat and joined themselves with them, have dared, after the Surprizing of the said Garrison where they were Prisoners, presumptuously to Fortifie, and by open Violence Defend and Maintain Our said Garrison of the *Bass*, against Us, and Our Authority, notwithstanding of their being Charged in manner foresaid to deliver up the same, and thereby have owned themselves open and manifest Traitors ; And We being careful that none of Our good Subjects be ensnared by the saids Rebels, and involved in their Guilt ; Do therefore, with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Declare the Persons above-named, and all who have joyned themselves with them, in Surprising, Maintaining or Defending Our said Garrison of the *Bass*, guilty of open and manifest Treason and Rebellion, and ought to be pursued as Traitors to Us ; And We with Advice foresaid, Discharge and Command all Our Subjects, that no person presume to Aid, Abett, Assist, Harbour, or any ways Supply the saids Traitors, or any of them, under the pain of Treason, and that they do not keep Correspondence, or Intercommune with them, without Warrant from Our Privy Council for that effect, under the pains foresaid ; Certifying such who shall do in the contrary, that they shall be holden and repute, treated, and proceeded against as Art and Part of, and accessory to the foresaid Crime of Treason and Rebellion against Us and Our Authority, with the utmost severity of Our Law. **OUR WILL IS HEREFOR E**, and We Charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and remanent Mercat-Crosses of the head-Burghs of the several Shires, of *Haddingtoun, Fife, Berwick and Clackmannan* ; and in Our Name and Authority, there, and at other places needful, make Publication of the Premisses, that none may pretend ignorance, as ye will answer to Us thereupon, the which to do, We commit to you, conjunctly and severally, Our full Power, by these Our Letters, delivering them by you, duly execute, and indorsed again to the Bearer.

*Given under Our Signet, at Edinburgh, the first day of July. And of Our Reign the Third year, 1691.*

*Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii,  
GILB. ELIOT, Cls Sti Consilii.*

*GOD save King VWilliam and Queen Mary.*

**E D I N B U R G H,**

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